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Elk Point welcomes the Year 2000

Elk Point and district residents turned out in good numbers last Friday night for a family-style welcome to the year 2000.

The last evening of the old year was spent prancing through the gently falling snow behind horses driven by Morris Irvine, gliding around the ice in the A. G. Ross Arena, enjoying the antics of Popcorn the Clown, and singing along with the old favorites provided by entertainers Marge Heffernan, Dolly and Jos Hughes and company, and delighting in the colorful fireworks display that ended the year with a bang.

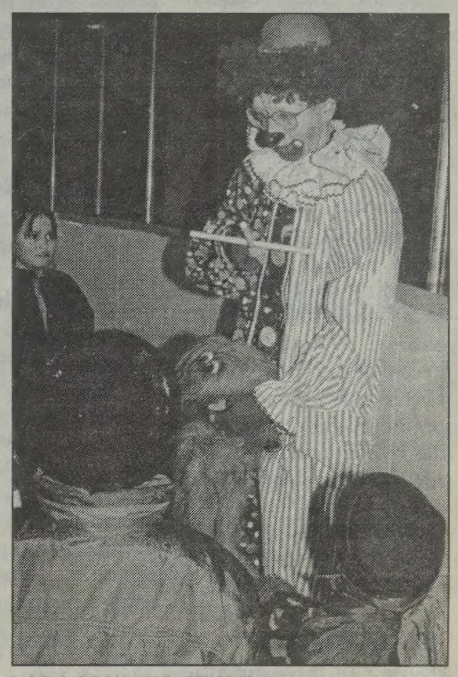
DANCE WITH A DOGGIE -- Jos Hughes took a New Year's Eve turn with sheep dog Ike at First Night celebrations.

This was Elk Point's fifth First Night festival, and for the first time, activity centred around the arena. Recent warm weather caused cancellation of a planned snowman-making contest and iced up the parking lot, moving the wagon rides to Circle Drive, where footing was better for the horses. The evening also got off to a later start than other years, to permit working parents to participate more fully.

A free evening of skating drew all ages to the arena, where beginning skaters laced up their newly acquired Christmas footwear for the first time and took their first wobbly glides on the ice, and parents and grandparents dug out seldom used skates for one last glide in the 1900s.

Popcorn the Clown also laced on the blades and headed out into the arena, where he proved that you can fly a kite indoors, and went on to take a walk with a fuzzy blue puppet and to parade his invisible dog. He wound up the evening by making a number of his ever-popular balloon animals for the youngsters.

The "surprise entertainment" listed on the posters turned out to be a return engagement by Dolly and Jos Hughes of Oliver, BC, back for a third time with Dolly's mother, Marge Heffernan. The trio started out with a medley of festive songs, including "Jingle Bells," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman," then expressed their delight at being back in Elk Point with "Alberta Bound." Dolly offered a heartfelt solo, "One Day at a Time," while Jos was the featured singer in "Wabash Cannonball," complete with engineer's hat and a realistic train whistle, and "Poor, Poor Farmer" in a battered straw hat.



POPCORN AND FRIENDS -- Popcorn the Clown and his furry puppet friend were mobbed by youngsters when they entertained at A. G. Ross Arena.

The two combined comedy and music in the hilarious old favorite, "There's a Hole in the Bucket," complete with a whole set of appropriate props. Then, perfect for a chilly evening, they "Put Another Log on the Fire" and Jos told the story of an eastern coal miner who was "Nothing But a Dirty Old Man."

A number of door prize draws were made from tickets distributed throughout the evening by committee members Deanna Easthope and Margaret Modin, with prizes of Millennium bears, Year of Older Persons coffee mugs and calendars going to the lucky winners.

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■ News in review

Looking back at 1999's headline news

The final year of the 1900s was quite a newsy twelve months in Elk Point, with major issues such as the fate of our health centre, the Northern Lights Library System Headquarters, and our downtown filling up our front page. Let's take a look back at the biggest stories of the year:

January

January arrived with virtually the whole community up in arms over the possibility of closure of the Elk Point Health Centre. A 1096-signature brief presented at a packed meeting on the second-last day of 1998 was followed up by a brief from the Chamber of Commerce, chartering of buses to take area residents to the Lakeland Health Region's public meeting in Cold Lake, and the creation of hundreds of buttons reading "Supporter of Elk Point Health Centre."

The outcry spurred the LRHA to schedule an additional forum for Elk Point, where a total of 34 briefs were presented by representatives of all walks of life, from a high school student to health professionals to concerned residents of surrounding municipalities. The petition by this time had grown to 2464 signatures and was presented to George Cuff and Associates, the consultants studying the elimination of the LRHA's deficit.

The all-out effort resulted in the LRHA sparing Elk Point's long term and active care hospital beds by a vote of 10 to 2 at the LRHA's public meeting, where they submitted a deficit budget after cutting expenses to the bone.

February

The Elk Point Chamber's Annual Meeting was quiet and anticlimactic after the hue and cry over the Health Centre, as the members looked toward changing the focus of the organization, and planned ways to bring new businesses to the community and diversifying the economy. A television news report which said Elk Point's grocery prices were the highest in all of 30 communities studied around the province, brought forth considerable ire from local businesses.

The fate of the Pan Canadian building came under discussion by both the Chamber and Town Council, with Chamber President John Yettaw visiting Council to urge them to reconsider taking over the building, and suggesting the Chamber could help find a business willing to locate there

Property taxes and utility costs were the main concerns brought forth by local seniors who met with a government focus group studying the needs of seniors. Long term care needs were explored at another workshop.

Elk Point's health centre was spared by George Cuff's report, but the LRHA Board did not fare as well. Health Minister Halvar Jonson fired the entire board, saying a new board would be appointed within six months to a year.

Elk Point Leos Club received their charter, with a number of distinguished guests from Lions and Lioness Clubs in the area on hand for the Charter Night celebration.

Heinsburg gloried in the abundant snow which brought 379 participants to their annual

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community NEWS

Looking back at 1999's headline news

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snowmobile rally on a beautifully warm and sunny day.

Elk Point Elks were named season-end champions of the Sask Alta Hockey League, ending a very successful first year back in the league.

Figure skater Daylan Hoffman won gold in inter-provincial championships held in Calgary.

March

The Chamber of Commerce was headed strongly in new directions after soundly defeating a motion to shut down its operation entirely. A revived economic development committee and a year round phone number were in the works, as were plans for sprucing up main street.

Town Council turned down an opportunity to join the County and Town of St. Paul in hiring a County Fire Chief to oversee all three jurisdictions. Money that would have gone to fund the position will be directed to upgrading Elk Point's firefighting equipment.

Peter Danyluk and Mark Ference went on to district speak-offs after winning at Elk Point 4-H Multi Club competition, while Jamie and Danielle Schnurer represented the Saddle Slickers.

The combined Elk Point - Dewberry Bantam Colts hosted Bantam "C" Provincial hockey finals, with Onoway taking home the gold. Peewee Lightning also headed off to Provincials, while the community's figure skaters wound up the season with Millennium Memories — with a very special precision team made up of skating dads.

There may have been a "Vacancy in Paradise," but none at the Elementary School as six sell-out crowds enjoyed the annual dinner theatre presented by Elk Point Community Choir.

The DARE Program saw 42 Grade Six students from Elk Point graduate from a program which equipped them to deal with the problems of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure, in a ceremony which highlighted the school's special week of achievements. A science fair, fine arts night and open house were also held, while across the street, F. G. Miller's Career Day was another big success.

April

A petition from ratepayers hoping to stop a proposed curb and gutter project was quashed by Council, who passed a bylaw to borrow funds to go ahead with the work.

Town Council changed their minds on the Pan Canadian building, then changed their minds again and agreed to Van Horne's conditions, planning to offer it as a new headquarters for Northern Lights Library System. A newly formed group called the Elk Point Regional Cultural Society had announced their intentions of obtaining the building and attracting the NLLS Headquarters after the Town's decision to turn down the building, and everyone was quite surprised when the Town announced their second change of heart.

Elk Point's inaugural Winter Gymkhana Series was declared a big success as the year end winners accepted year-end prizes at the final meet. Team ropers also celebrated the end of their season of monthly sessions. Then it was show time, with Rylee McKenzie showing the Furriest Horse at the Fun 'N' Furry Horse Show.

Elk Point OORP hosted the annual District Meeting, with Lois Sharek elected as the incoming District Deputy.

Volunteer Week saw Elk Point FCSS bring in a "third doctor" in the form of comedian "Doctor Spot" to entertain local volunteers.

May

A pair of hockey banquets, for minor and senior players, wound up the season, with Gary Marceniuk named Minor Hockey Coach of the Year and League Governor's awards going to Susan MacKinnon and Doug Bassett.

Elk Point OORP topped the fundraisers when the Elks and Royal Purple hosted the North Central Zone Walk-a-thon, with Mary Kinjerski the top individual fundraiser for the second year in a row.

The Lions were also walking on the first of May, with Cheryl Lawrence winning awards for both the most individual pledges and for the oilfield challenge.

Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club celebrated twenty years of spring concerts with their delightful year-end presentation. Another wonderful concert came from the Elk Point Community Choir.

Town Council announced a major shot in the arm for downtown Elk Point, with a comprehensive street and sidewalk replacement program to take place in conjunction with a major street overhaul in the north part of town.

The Regional Cultural Society visited Council to outline their plans for the Pan Canadian Building, and offered to work with the Town, County and Chamber to create a win-win situation regarding the building. A full hour of discussion regarding the building also took place at the mid-May Chamber of Commerce meeting, with everyone finally finding something to agree on: they wanted the Northern Lights Library System headquarters there. A motion was subsequently passed, supporting the Town's bid for the headquarters, with no mention made of ownership of the building.

Representatives of Van Horne Oil and Gas met with the Cultural Society and the Town of Elk Point, and heard proposals from both groups, but the two could not agree to work together.

F. G. Miller's Class of 1999 celebrated on the May long weekend, with former classmates coming back to emcee and their former teacher, Wayne Hymanyk, as guest speaker.

Talent exploded in Elk Point with former Dewberry singer Tanya Bowman winning the teen talent contest.

A two day long weekend gymkhana was an overwhelming success, with 74 participants and a truckload of prizes.

Thirteen teams took part in the 13th Annual Jan Frisby Memorial Ball Tournament, with Tuu Times the fourth-time winner.

The Junior Boys Crusaders won the SPAA banner in County Fastball, while the girls won the B side.

June

Melissa DeSilva showed the Grand Champion Steer and James Babenek the Supreme Champion Female as Elk Point 4-H Multi Club held their annual achievement day as part of a very busy June 5 in Elk Point. Six Elk Point steers went on to become part of the Parade of Champions at the Interclub show the following Monday, three of them making it into the top five.

The June 5 weekend also included the annual Auto Show, a baby crawling contest, a radio controlled vehicle race and the Chamber's very successful Community Wide Garage Sale.

Five students graduated in Heinsburg High School's "year of firsts," with the grads wearing caps and gowns and all having the ability to obtain their diplomas at the end of the month.

Younger students from Grades 5 and 6 at Heinsburg were also honored as they graduated from the DARE Program.

The brand new MidWest Rodeo Association held their first amateur competition at Whitney Lake.

Three F. G. Miller students, Tanya Pankiw, Travis Brown and Krystal Yake, advanced to Provincial track and field competition.

The Town of Elk Point held the line on taxes for another year, passing their mill rate at the June 14 meeting.

The Chamber adjourned for the summer, with Vic Stepa taking over the president's chair from John Yettaw, who resigned due to a transfer to St. Paul.

The Edmonton House Black Powder Brigade displayed the fur trade lifestyle at Fort George and Buckingham House on Father's Day weekend.

Thirteen area groups were approved for $87,894 in funding from lottery grants for enhancing area facilities including soccer fields, arena upgrading and golf course.

Windows in two Elk Point churches were smashed in a vandalism spree that covered several neighboring communities.

As the school year drew to a close with the presentation of countless awards, interest was shown in the creation of a charter school in the area.

What happened next? For the rest of 1999 in review, see Page 7

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from the FCSS DESK

A smile is like a conversational street light

By Deanna Easthope
FCSS Director

Happy 2000 everyone! How are you all doing these first few days of 2000? I hope you are all smiling.

Wherever you travel, whatever language you speak, a smile is a universal symbol. We all understand it; we each know how to give it; and we all love to receive it. Visit any remote corner of the world, walk down any street, start a conversation, and a smile says: "I care," "I'm interested," and "I'm happy to know you."

Shining in the eyes of both young and old, rich and poor, a smile is a conversational street light that opens the flow of communication, hastens a meeting of minds, and builds new friendships.

A smile gets us further in life than we may think. A recent study concluded that a smile "can make the difference between... a new job or a rejection, a lavish or paltry tip. The big effect is that the person (smiling) is perceived as being more honest, more trustworthy, more sincere."

Experience confirms what scientists have proven. Not only do we feel better when we smile, but we also communicate caring, interest and encouragement to others. A smile brings cheer to the weary, comfort to the discouraged, and hope to the despondent. People are more likely to confide in a smiling listener, reach out to a smiling stranger, and help a smiling neighbor.

Why does smiling have such positive effects? Because we cannot genuinely smile and think negative thoughts at the same time. We cannot extend the corners of our mouth without extending at least a part of ourselves. Like a hand that is put forth for shaking, a mouth that is spread in sincere smiling is hard to refuse. By nature, we return smiles to their senders. And, if we refuse a smile by frowning, we expend more energy and engage more muscles than if we just let the smile flow. As we both give and receive smiles, remember: "A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever."

Like a warm ray of sun, a smile gently touches everyone - in all languages, in all parts of the world.

Yes, a smile is a street light. It is "the small simple means" that helps to make life enjoyable. So as we begin the year 2000, may we all light our street lights with a smile and may the year 2000 be a happy, healthy and enjoyable year for everyone.

Elk Point welcomes in the New Year 2000

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The Hughes' sheepdog, Ike, who made his singing debut here at First Night 1998, also made a return visit, joining the family and barking on cue for the old Patti Page favorite, "How Much is That Doggie in the Window?" He then showed off his acting skills as Dolly sang "Mr. Bojangles," dancing with Jos and flopping down to play dead at the appropriate parts of the song.

THERE'S A HOLE IN HIS BUCKET -- Jos Hughes laments to wife Dolly (right) and mother-in-law Marge Heffernan in this comedy number at the First Night Festival in Elk Point.

Music from many decades and styles, from Ian Tyson's "Navajo Rug" to the children's favorite action song, "This Old Man," to a maritime favorite, "Aunt Martha's Sheep," wound up the program. Dolly presented a song to take to the new Millennium, "Your Love," and many joined in the final number, dating back to Canada's Centennial year, "This Land of Ours."

Then it was time to bundle up and head outdoors for the evening's grand conclusion. High-flying silver rockets, great bursts of color, and fantastic silver spirals lit up the night sky in a jubilant end to the old year, bringing not only those attending the celebration but many at house parties and celebrating quietly at home outdoors to enjoy the spectacle.

Best dressed businesses

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce has announced the Business winners in the Christmas Lighting and Decorating Contest.

Elk Point Co-op's all- out efforts including frosted windows, garland draped interior and numerous special touches qualified for first place.

The Empress Restaurant, with its gorgeous trees and spectacular banquet table decorations, placed second, while the Elk Point Review's handpainted and three-dimensional window decor placed third.

Warning: don't drive drowsy in 2000

The partners in Alberta's Mission Possible have issued a wake up call to drivers: Don't Drive Drowsy.

The warning against drowsy driving comes on the heels of a study released in December by the CAA/AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The foundation study showed that around half the drivers in sleep-related crashes said they didn't feel even moderately drowsy before they crashed.

"Fatigue and driving are as deadly a combination as drinking and driving," says Rob Taylor, director of the Mission Possible Traffic Safety Initiative. "Most people don't even know how sleepy they are."

The study, a first of its kind, examined hundreds of sleep and fatigue-related car crashes to identify the driver behavior that caused them. It showed that the following factors are strongly associated with having a drowsy driving crash: sleeping less than six hours per night, being awake for 20 hours or longer, working more than one job and/or working night shifts, and frequent driving between midnight ad 6:00 a.m.

Mission Possible offers the following tips to keep motorists from falling asleep at the wheel:

■ Start any trip by getting enough sleep the night before. Plan to drive during times of the day when you are normally awake, and stay overnight rather than traveling straight through.

■ Avoid driving during your body's "down time." Take a mid-afternoon break and find a place to sleep between midnight and 6 a.m.

■ Talk with your passenger if you have someone else in the car. A passenger can also let you know when you are showing signs of sleepiness (trouble keeping your head up, constant yawning, wandering, disconnected thoughts, drifting between lanes or off the road). If your passenger thinks you are getting sleepy, let someone else drive or pull over and sleep. A nap could save your life and the lives of others.

■ Make sure both people in the front of the car are awake. A driver who needs rest should go to the back seat, buckle up and sleep.

■ Schedule a break every two hours. Stop sooner if you show any danger signs of sleepiness.

■ During your break, take a short 15-20 minute nap, stretch, take a walk, and get some exercise before getting back into the car.

"Driving — especially for long distances — reveals your true level of sleepiness," Taylor warns. "At the start of a trip, excitement makes a driver feel alert, but the alertness wears off once the trip is underway."

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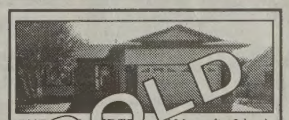
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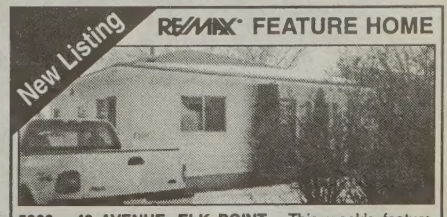
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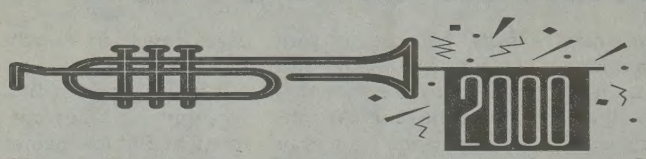

That was some year!

Well, folks, we made it through 1999, and so far, Y2K is pretty much Y2**OK**, as far as we can tell.

Making it through the past year has been quite an accomplishment. It was a year that began with despair over layoffs, shutdowns and transfers in the oil industry, intense worry that our health centre, our doctors and our ambulance service could be in peril, and fear that Northern Lights Library System would leave our community.

But it was a year when the entire community, with help from surrounding communities, banded together to convince the Lakeland Regional Health Authority, their consultants and the Minister of Health that health services were essential to the survival of our community, and that we would not let them go without a major fight. This united effort got the attention it deserved, and absolutely everyone involved, from those who gathered all the signatures on petitions to those who presented briefs to those who wore "Health Centre Supporter" buttons and headed out to the public meetings should be applauded for their efforts in fighting the good fight to the very end.

This wasn't the only conflict of the year. The Town, the Chamber and a newly formed Regional Cultural Society all wanted the Northern Lights Library System to stay in Elk Point, but the question of who should take over ownership of the former Pan Canadian building caused much traumatic discussion before the building owners offered it directly to the government for this use. The Northern Lights Board has now sent the decision to relocate to the building to a committee which will determine its suitability, and the matter is out of our hands, which makes some of us heave a great sigh of relief.

Considerably improved prices for crude oil have also brought sighs of relief to the community, and have substantially increased activity in the oil patch, putting people back to work and creating new employment opportunities.

A real bright spot in the year was the refurbishing of streets and sidewalks downtown. What started out as a minor clean-up effort has developed into a major upgrading of the community, and this is an effort which will continue into this and future years. Congratulations to the Town for taking the initiative and to the Chamber for getting additional planning underway. We all look forward to seeing the completed project.

The blue skies we searched valiantly for at the beginning of 1999 have appeared and smiled down on us on numerous occasions this year. Dark clouds no longer obscure our vision of the future and we can see even better things to come.

Happy New Year, and all the best in 2000.

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Healthy resolutions you can keep

For many, the New Year represents a time of renewal and well-intentioned promises - resolutions to do everything from losing weight and eating less to spending more time with family . We all want to start the new year off healthier and happier. Unfortunately, these good but sometimes unrealistic intentions often fall by the wayside by the time the snow melts. Finding the right balance between being active, eating right and the demands of a busy lifestyle can sometimes seem like an impossible dream. The secret to changing old habits and striking a balance is not doing everything at once but trying to trying to ease new changes into your life one step at a time.

Here are a few simple and practical tips that will help everyone start the New Year on their own terms:

WINTER - RESOLUTIONS YOU CAN KEEP

■ **Take charge** - list everything that keeps you from getting healthy. Change what you can and work around the rest.

■ **Cut back without dieting** - have breakfast every morning, reduce your portion sizes and limit the fat in your food.

SPRING - GET MOVING AND LOVE YOUR BODY

■ **Fit more activity into your life** - park a few blocks from your destination; take the stairs; leave the car at home when you can; take a walk after dinner.

■ **Ignore the scale for a while** - exercise and eat a balanced diet and let your body weight set itself naturally.

SUMMER - SHAKING OFF STRESS

■ **If time stresses you out** - make a to-do list with a realistic schedule. Reward yourself for tasks you finish and forgive yourself for those you don't.

■ **Don't bottle up your stress** - go for an intense workout or tell someone what you're feeling.

FALL - TAKE STOCK AND BUILD BRAIN POWER

■ **Keep a food diary** - check it against Canada's Food Guide to Healthy Eating to make sure you're getting a variety of the right foods and nutrients.

■ **Eat a balanced breakfast** - research shows that a balanced breakfast improves morning concentration and performance.

■ From the Legislature

Health policy draws criticism

By Paul Langevin, MLA
Lac La Biche - St. Paul

Critics have been very vocal since the government released its policy statement on health principles.

There have been accusations that the government is paving the way for a two-tier American-style health care system where the rich can pay for faster service. There have even been claims that Alberta's health system is in danger from foreign corporations under provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

These claims are just plain wrong. Arguments are being made about a proposal that does not even exist.

The government has made a firm commitment to maintaining a quality publicly funded and publicly administered health system in Alberta. The Premier has said that new legislation proposed for next spring would enshrine, in law, the Alberta Government's commitment to the publicly funded system and to the principles of the Canada Health Act.

The proposed legislation would prohibit the development of any two-tier, American-style health system in Alberta. There would be no American-style private hospitals allowed to operate in Alberta outside of the publicly funded system.

No Albertan would pay for any insured surgical service and nobody could pay directly to receive faster service. There would be no extra charges to patients for insured services and no queue jumping.

Regional Health Authorities would be allowed to contract with private facilities to provide insured surgical services but only if that would improve access to publicly funded services, improve efficiency or reduce waiting lists in the public system.

Any contracts between regional health authorities and private facilities would need to meet strict criteria, be approved by the Minister of Health and Wellness and comply with the principles of the Canada Health Act.

Many such contracts have existed for years and do not contravene the Canada Health Act. Health authorities both in Alberta and other provinces have contracts with private providers for cataract surgery, for example. There are private hospitals like the Shouldice Hospital in Ontario and the Cambie Surgery Centre in Vancouver which specialize in procedures such as hernia operations and orthopedics. The critics have been silent about these.

We are also not at risk from NAFTA, as some people claim. There is a special clause in the agreement which applies to health care and which allows discrimination against American health companies. NAFTA does not affect the government's control over health care nor does it affect contracts between health authorities and private providers.

Some people are wondering why we don't simply pour money into the current health system and open new hospital beds, rather than allowing private provider contracts. We are spending more money where it is clearly needed and we announced just recently $266 million for continuing care and health infrastructure with $216 million more in one-time funding for RHAs.

There will be no contracts unless there is a clearly demonstrated need for the service. Any contract would also have to be cost-effective or it would not be approved. Some RHAs might have extra capacity, while others don't, and that extra capacity might not be suited to the service required. Health Authorities need choice in finding the best way to provide services and this policy would allow that.

As your MLA, I am not prepared to support any government bill that would be contrary to the Canada Health Act, or would allow a two-tier American health system, or that would allow people to pay extra to have faster access to service.

I will oppose any move to dismantle or destroy our publicly funded "Health Care System," as we know it now.

I will only support a publicly funded "Health Care System" that gives equal access to all Albertans. You may obtain a copy of the discussion paper on the proposed legislation by contacting my office at 645-6999 or 623-1730 or by calling the Minister's office at 427-3665. After reading the discussion paper, you may direct your comments in writing to myself or to the Minister of Health and Wellness, Hon. Halvar Jonson.

My constituency address is: Paul Langevin MLA, Box 1848, St. Paul, Alberta TOA 3A0.

what's NEWS at the LIBRARY?

Library's dedicated volunteers much appreciated

By Daphne Schnurer
Librarian

Since January is a time for reflection, a review of the past year and planning for the new year, I would like to take this opportunity and express our appreciation to our dedicated volunteers.

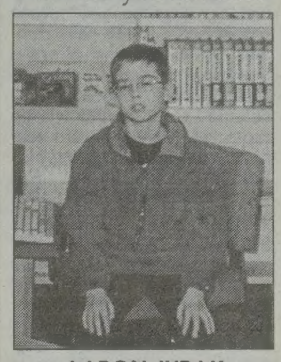
I would like to thank our special helpers, who without fail are always there to help us out at the library. My special helpers include Lena Stepa and Anna Mae Warren. My students are Alyssa Fry and Aaron Jurak.

Also on behalf of the Elk Point Library Board and staff, I would like to wish everyone all the best for the new Millennium.

Remember, you have until January 7 to bring in your Christmas trivia contest forms.

DEVOTED VOLUNTEERS - Lena Stepa and Anna Mae Warren donate many hours to the library.

ALYSSA FRY



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For all you adventurers out there, we now have the world's best selling budget travel series: **Let's Go Mexico, Let's go USA** and **Let's Go Alaska and the Pacific Northwest**. So if you're thinking of escaping for a while, come and check out our travel guides.

Library Calendar

Our next Story Time: January 7 at 10:30 a.m.

Seniors Tea: January 31

Obituary

PANKIW, William (Bill)

On December 27, 1999 Mr. William (Bill) Pankiw of Elk Point passed away at the age of 84 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Julia; 1 son and 1 daughter, Allan (Dorothea) Pankiw & Levina (Raymond) Ewasiuk all of Elk Point; 6 grandchildren, Valerie (Bill) Hansen, Darryl Ewasiuk, Jason (Serena) Pankiw, Travis Pankiw (Carmene Lavoie), Bradley Pankiw, Tanya Pankiw; 2 great-grandchildren, Athena Hansen & Jackson Pankiw; 3 brothers and 3 sisters: Mike Pankiw, Steve Pankiw, Peter Pankiw, Mary (Nick) Melnyk, and Leona Moneta, all of Elk Point and Stella Harrison of Edmonton; and 1 sister-in-law, Alice Pankiw of St. Paul. He was predeceased by his parents, Alex and Catherine Pankiw; 1 sister, Elizabeth; & 1 brother, Walter.

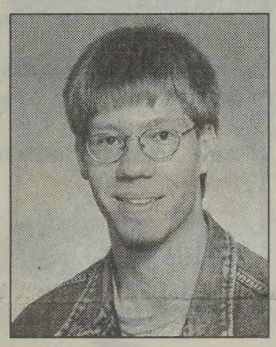
Prayer Service was held Wednesday, December 29 at 7:30 pm at Yewchin's Funeral Chapel, St. Paul. Divine Liturgy and Funeral Service was held Thursday, December 30 at 10:00 am at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church, Northern Valley. Reverend Father R. Dobriansky was the celebrant with interment in the church cemetery. Donations may be made to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation, c/o Box 425, St. Paul, AB., T0A 3A0.

Yewchin's Funeral Chapel Ltd., St. Paul (780) 645-5177.

Scholarships awarded

Two local residents are among over 360 recipients of scholarships and grants at Augustana University College for the 1999 - 2000 academic year.

Robyn Danyluk of Elk Point, a third year Bachelor of Arts student, received a total of $2324 for Academic Honors and a Basketball Award partially funded by the Keith Paton Memorial Scholarship.



Neil Leckie of Elk Point, a first year Bachelor of Arts student, received a total of $600 for Academic Merit and a University Study Grant funded by Mildred Rowe Weston Memorial Scholarship.

Pioneer Circle bingo

December 27, 1999

Virginia Lajimodiere $30, Lena Cap $15, Denise Bjorkman $15, Lloyd Gladue $30, Jean Russell $30, Betsy Dion $30, Muriel Cardinal $30, John Wozniak $30, Alvina Bernard $30, Percy Best $30, Denise Bjorkman $30, Eddie Piotrowski $30, Mike Habiak $30, Zelma Krucik $30, Barbara Roy $30, Lena Stepa $15, Jean Russell $15, William Dion $20, Annie Sheplawy $30, Dawn Bruins $50, Lloyd Gladue $25, Louis Lumley $25, Louise Jenkins $84, Marilyn Habiak $27, Jean Russell $27, Dina Leaf $27, Betsy Lumley $4, Mike Palinka $4, Alex Smereka $4, Doris Benson $4, George Botting $4, Betsy Dion $4, Alf Fakeley $27, Melvin McGinnis $200.

Tree fundraiser a sellout

The Elk Point Cub Scouts held their annual Christmas Tree fundraiser at Quality Tools again this December and were pleased to sell all 50 trees to area residents.

Victor Stepa of Elk Point Insurance and Realty helped the group by placing a sandwich board for advertising down town and Marilee Czerkawski at Quality Tools spent lots of time thawing trees, selling them and packing them up. All the Cub Scouts and their parents volunteered time to sell the trees.

The proceeds from the sales will be used to help fund Cub Scout activities in the upcoming year.

Thank You

PANKIW, William (Bill)

The family of William Pankiw appreciated the kind comforting words and thoughtful gestures of those who called, sent cards, attended the prayer service and/or the funeral.

A thanks goes to Dr. Drew Ramful and especially to the staff and volunteers at Parkview Long Term Care, who made such a difference in Bill's last few years.

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Tuesday Matinee 2:00

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Tuesday Matinee 2:10

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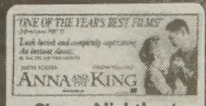
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 2:20



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Sat. & Sun. Matinee 2:00

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rated 14A crude language & sexual content
Sat. & Sun. Matinee 2:10

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review COMMUNITY NEWSLINE

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"Mother to Mother" Breastfeeding Support Group - meets 4th Monday of every month, 10 a.m. Call 724-3332 for more info. Expectant mothers and older siblings welcome.

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Elk Point Parent Nursery - Every Wednesday , 10 a.m. to Noon, Elk Point United Church Hall. Children under 6 and parents welcome. For more info, call Brenda Hayman, 724-3192 or Erin Mohyluk, 741-2140.

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Al-Anon Family Group Meeting, Room 605, Elk Point Municipal Hospital, Wednesday evening at 8:30 p.m.

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Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Room 604, Elk Point Hospital.

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T.O.P.S. meets every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., FCSS Office, Elk Point.

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"New To Town" FCSS would like to welcome and familiarize new families with the services and programs available in town. Welcome packages contain a community directory, volunteer directory, coupons, maps and more! Call 724- 3800 for more information or drop by 4902 - 51 Street.

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Recycle Your Paper - Paper trailer is located at the west side of the curling rink, 5118-49 Ave.. We take newspapers, flyers, computer and bond paper. No cardboard boxes, milk or egg cartons, phone books or glossy magazines. Please sort and bundle with string or put in cardboard boxes.

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Elk Point Public Library - Mon. - CLOSED; Tues. and Thurs. 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wed. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Storytime - Fri at 10:30 a.m.. Photocopies. Extended library services and reliable information sources. Public meeting space available to non-profit organizations at no charge. Please call the Elk Point Library for booking at 724-3737.

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The Elk Point Legion now meets on the 2nd Tues. of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre.

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Elk Point Auto Club - meets at the Empress Restaurant, Elk Point, the 2nd Wednesday of each month. More information call: Ed Smith at 724-2527.

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Elk Point & Area "Stop Family Violence" Support Group - meetings are held 2 times a month. For more information call 724-2380, 724-3800 or 645-1950

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Adoption Support Krew - meets the 2nd Mon. of every month at Social Services Bldg., St. Paul from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.. For more info call 724-3031.

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Many Albertans gamble as a form of recreation. For a small minority, however, gambling becomes a problem. If you or someone you know is experiencing personal, social or financial problems as a result of their gambling, confidential help is available. Call 1-800-665-9676.

CHURCH SERVICES

Elk Point Baptist Church
5705 - 49 St., Elk Point
Pastor Jim MacLellan - 724-4194
Family Worship Service
Sundays - 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages - 11:15 a.m.
Call Church answering service for current programs and times.

Elk Point Christian Community Church
Rev. Sam Donaldson - 724-2493.
Railway Avenue and 53 St..
Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.; Sunday School - 11:00 a.m.; Office hours -Thurs. & Fri. 9 a.m. - 12 noon

St. Michael's Catholic Church
Sunday Mass 12 p.m.

Bethel Lutheran Church of Lea Park
Sunday Worship Services, 10:30 a.m.
1st 3 Sundays of the month

St. Vladmirs' Ukrainian Orthodox Church Elk Point
For service times, call 645-5156, St. Paul or 724-4351, Elk Point.

United Church of Canada
4822 - 50 Ave., Elk Point
Rev. Jope Langejans- 724-3616
Worship Service -Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
"Come and be Welcomed - Come and Be Nurtured"

Bible Fellowship Church Clandonald
Services held every Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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2 AUTO

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200 JOBS! Lakeside Packers, located in Brooks, AB (2 hours east of Calgary), is currently hiring for production line operators for both the day and evening shifts. As one of western Canada's premiere beef slaughter and processing facilities, we are looking for men and women interested in pursuing a career in the beef industry. Permanent, full-time work is available. Applicants should be prepared for repetitious, physical labour involving a knife. No experience is necessary. The starting wage for day shift positions is $9.25/hour; evening shift positions start at $9.60/hour. If you are interested in joining our team, please fax your resume to 403-501-2239 or call us toll free at 1-888-700-0903.

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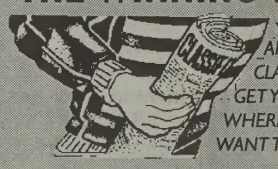

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15 MACHINERY

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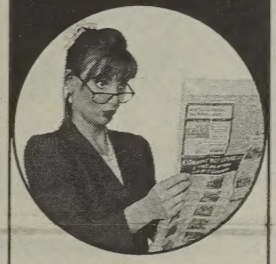

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The year in review-Part II

July

The second half of 1999 began with the celebration of the nation's 132nd birthday, a day packed with activities from a pancake breakfast and parade to Elk Point's first ever soapbox derby and a star-studded stage show.

Stoney Lake stampeded in bright sunshine, while a week later, rodeo action filled the stands at Whitney Lake with fans.

Elk Point White Sox hosted the Midget "A" Provincials, where Acme Red Sox were crowned Alberta's best. Elk Point's Midget Girls won provincial silver medals at Waskatenau.

August

Parking and pedestrian traffic in downtown Elk Point were disrupted as sidewalks were torn out, water valves changed and new curb, gutter and sidewalks were poured in a major overhaul project. The project was extended north to 51 Avenue and east to Highway 41.

Heinsburg's CNR station and water tower received designation as provincial historic resources.

The Midwest Rodeo Association held their first finals with buckles going to the top three contestants in bronc riding, steer riding and barrel racing.

Elk Point schools were victimized by spray paint-wielding vandals.

Elk Point's agricultural bench fair boasted a brand new aggregate winner: Rose Kozicky.

Elk Point Community Choir enjoyed a tour of the Maritime provinces.

It took 16 years, but Elk Point Oilmen's annual Golf Tournament finally gave away its Hole In One prize. Tom Parenteau, who also won the championship flight, took home a brand new quad for his efforts.

Horses and riders converged on Elk Point for the Charlene G. Baker Memorial Horse Show.

September

Retired teachers saluted their successors at a First-Day-of-School breakfast, and current teachers reached a settlement in pay negotiations.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce enthused over the the appearance of the new downtown sidewalks and discussion centred on numerous ways to further enhance the downtown area.

The County of St. Paul halted the use of oilfield waste sand in road construction, despite receiving the go-ahead from Alberta Environment.

Information Night saw over 30 agencies, organizations and groups showing what they have to offer the community.

F. G. Miller's 1999 graduates returned for a memorable evening celebrating their achievements, while students from Grade 7 through 12 were honored at the annual Awards Night earlier in the week.

A total of 47 participants raised funds for cancer research in the annual Terry Fox Run.

October

Elk Point seniors celebrated the International Year of Older Persons with a turkey dinner and program on October 1, where all those who turned 80 this year were honored.

Heinsburg High School's top students were honored at an afternoon ceremony, with Juanita Daniels receiving the Grade 12 School Board award.

Elk Point was one of four finalists to make the short list of communities being considered by Northern Lights Library System for their new headquarters, and was chosen by NLLS Board as the potential site.

Review Sports columnist Doug Bassett was named Baseball Alberta's 3M Coach of the Year.

Amy Millar and Travis Lindquist were recognized by Athletics Alberta as part of their Top 10 Bantam Girl and Bantam Boy Athletes of the Year.

Ranger Oil announced plans to drill 40 new wells and re-activate 120 others. Noise and increased truck traffic concerned area residents attending the open house.

Wolanuk's Fashions and Foods closed its doors after 22 years in the business community.

November

Stems 'N' Stuff was named Elk Point's Business of the Year, when they received eight out of a total of 25 Business of the Year nominations.

John Vandenburg retired after 35 years with Co-op.

Two local seniors were injured in a single vehicle accident in town.

Town Council approved a new youth curfew bylaw which covers the hours from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Genevieve Russell received a medal of honor from the Royal Canadian Legion at the annual Remembrance Day observances.

A total of 204 parcels were sent overseas with Operation Christmas Child.

The Chamber learned about exciting new recreation and tourism opportunities which could come about if the Iron Horse Trail becomes part of the Trans Canada Trail.

BPO Elks Grand Exalted Ruler Paul Clendenning was greeted by a large contingent of Elks and Royal Purple members from 14 area lodges when he visited Elk Point.

The home of Ed and Patsy Zarowny was gutted by fire.

Elk Point Seniors started off the Christmas party season in grand style, and recognized residents 85 years and over.

The 1999 Dog Obedience class graduated, with Jamie Schnurer showing the top dog.

December

Christmas came early to Heinsburg, where Santa and the Elk Point Community Choir appeared at the annual Community Christmas Concert. Heinsburg Community School honored local Community Club volunteers at their Craft and Bake Sale.

Elk Point went all out for Extravaganza, with live music, a petting zoo, hay rides, hot chocolate and much more, including prizes galore to be won by shoppers.

The weeks before Christmas saw a great focus on music and entertainment, with two packed concerts for the Community Choir and even larger crowds for the two Elementary School concerts. Three local churches combined their musical and acting talents for a glorious pre-Christmas Cantata, and the Baptist Church and Christian Community Church each held a concert as well.

Town Council ended the year by doing their utmost to hold the line on taxes for the coming year.

Elk Point lit up homes and businesses for Christmas in great style, and fireworks filled the December 31 sky as another year came to an end with the First Night Festival.

review SPORTS this week

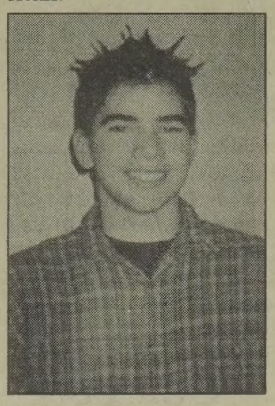
Bantam AAA player home for the holidays

By Doug Bassett
Review Sports

During the holiday season, especially this year with Christmas and New Years being on the weekend, we always have very little in the way of hockey games to report on, so it's nice to run a little feature column on players from out system who are playing out of town. This year we are happy to have a member of last year's Peewee team, George Danyluk, to feature in the column.

Home for the holidays, George Danyluk is one of the very few guys to make the Major Alberta AAA as a first year, playing for Sherwood Park AAA Bantams. Not only is it tough to make it as a first year bantam, but making it as a defenceman is even a tougher feat. But George is more than just your average hockey player. George is committed to playing hockey.

Not only do you have to be a good player, but the commitment that is required is not for everyone. Every day on the ice, every weekend on the road playing somewhere in the province, living away from home, and you still have to keep your school work up to snuff.



GEORGE DANYLUK now plays for the Sherwood Park AAA Bantams

There are lots of good hockey players out there, lots of them could make the AAA, but how many would commit the time and dedication required to stay with the system? The AAA system is a whole lot different than playing in the small towns, where you can come and go as you please, show up for practice or not, and you still usually have a spot to play in the games. Why? Well, because there's a lineup of players trying to take your job on the team.

The Sherwood Park United Cycle AAA Bantams are now in second place in their division, and have a real good shot at being in provincials where the top eight teams in the province will be playing in March in Edmonton.

Recently, I talked with George's coach and he had nothing but great things to say about George. Here's his comments: "Even though he's still a first year, George is considered the third best D-man on the team, and he's the the most reliable of all the defencemen. Not a flashy player who tries to do more than his limitations, George is used in all the key situations, such as on the power play and all the short-handed situations and has not been pushed around at all this year. George's skating has improved since he started, he now has speed and pivots well, and has been matched up against the other teams' top lines all year. Not only that, George is second on his team with 42 hits, has a plus/minus of plus four, and leads the team in blocked shots with eight."

When you come from a small town, playing small town hockey, many coaches would not even consider giving you a tryout, but make no mistake - George has earned the respect of the coaching staff, along with some scouts from the WHL and the Junior A League.

In the spring they have tryouts for the Alberta Cup Tournament for first year bantams, and George has a good shot at making the team. After that, WHL have their rookie draft for all first year bantams and George's name is without a doubt going to be considered, it may be in the late rounds, but this guy is going to get a shot. Still considered small for a defenceman, this may be his only holdback, but George has grown since he left home, now standing 5'9" and 160 lbs., and with his genes there's a real good chance he will make the magic 6 foot mark.

We're all proud of George, and we're all pulling for George's name to be called in the draft, but the proudest of all, of course, would be his father, Big Ray, the best darn 50/50 salesman I have ever known. No one else has raised more money for a hockey team or other good causes than Big Ray.

I know, I know, I'm being too nice. I'm getting soft in my old age, I just can't help it. Sometimes I've been known to criticize the players who leave our system for the greener pastures. Big Ray and I have spent many hours discussing the pros and cons of playing someplace else. But every Christmas, because of watching Scrooge or something, I have a change of heart, I get sentimental and can't help doing something nice and tell you about players that have left our system and are doing well.

It's not that I am totally against players leaving, there's nothing I would like better than to see a player make it in the big league. I just hope they don't forget us, and will return home after they become famous and say, "hey, this is where I got my start, right here at the A. G. Ross Arena." And we can play Tom Jones, "It's good to touch the green, green grass of home."

Everybody wants what is best for their kids. I did, too, some players can stay in their home system, move up and play at a higher level. Others must leave to play at a more competitive level. Besides, what do I know? I'm just a small town newspaper sports writer. And besides that, it makes for good controversy around the coffee pot.

A year of changes for County of St. Paul in 1999

Reeve predicts smoother progress in council

By Rhonda Noyce
Staff Writer

With a full year back as being reeve of the County of St. Paul, Robert Bouchard has a positive outlook for the new millennium.

"In 1999, we completed a reorganization to place us in a position where we thought the ratepayers wanted us to be," says Bouchard.

This included the County's commitment of paying off their lease programs, which started in late '98, the termination of the enhanced policing position (the County Mountie) and the new position to eliminate the burial of oil waste in roadbed construction or in ecology pits.

"Our year end financial statement will likely show a small deficit, but it was expected as it is directly related to our loss of revenue from sand disposal."

Council was off to a bit of a rocky start in late '98 when three new councillors were voted in during local municipal elections. With the new council, came a new reeve. But to Bouchard's opinion, the bumps are becoming smoothed over.

"There has been a lot of progress among the new council. The old council members learned a lot about the new members and the new members learned a lot about the old members. They realized they both have points that should be considered."

Bouchard adds that the differing opinions provide a good mix necessary to council and that they are all working together for the benefit of the County and its ratepayers.

As for the new millennium, the biggest news for the County is the increase of activity in the oil patch.

"We have issued more permits for moved rigs and the general traffic is increasing in the patch. Many wells that were shut down are now open and the forecast is for oil prices to continue rising."

Bouchard says this is good news because it not only provides employment, it also increases tax revenues for the County which reduces the pressure on other ratepayers.

A better year for agriculture is on Bouchard's wish list for 2000. Although there's not a whole lot the County can do about that one, he continues to hope that local farmers will be blessed with a good year.

Also online for 2000 is the County's commitment to continue its lease debt payments and the repayment of its infrastructure debt that has accumulated to $1.8 million in the old secondary highway partnership program.

One big sigh of relief for the County in 2000 will be the transfer of secondary highways back to the provincial government this spring.

Major projects on the County's wish list for 2000 include the completion of Moosehills Road, the paving of Highway 867 and the realignment of Lindbergh Hill.

"We also want to oil many of the gravel roads in the County. We plan to cover all of the major arteries," said Bouchard. "Some people have been waiting a long time for this."

Bouchard's personal goals for the new year include chasing cows in the country, taking a holiday here and there and maintaining a healthy outlook on life.

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